

## **HOUSE BILL 254:** Surplus Computers for Low-Income Students.

## 2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee: House Appropriations, Information Date: March 7, 2017

Technology

Introduced by: Rep. Saine Prepared by: Matthew Meinig Analysis of: First Edition Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 254 authorizes the State Surplus Property Agency to distribute surplus State-owned computers to nonprofit entities for the purpose of providing those computers to low-income children and families.

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, G.S. 143-64.03 grants authority to the State Surplus Property Agency, within the Department of Administration, to dispose of surplus, obsolete, or unused State property by (i) sale, (ii) warehousing, or (iii) distributing to tax-supported or nonprofit tax-exempt organizations in accordance with the public purpose provision in Article V, Sec. 2 of the North Carolina Constitution.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 254 amends the definition of "nonprofit tax-exempt organizations" in G.S. 143-64.02 by including within the definition, "nonprofit entities that refurbish computers for the purpose of donating them to low income students or households."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Surplus Property Agency is charged with the disposition of State surplus property. The Agency currently has authority to determine the method of transfer, sale, or disposal, provided that the disposition is in the best interests of the State. The Agency has established procedures for the notice, listing, and transfer or sale of surplus property.

Kory Goldsmith Director



Legislative Drafting 919-733-6660